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At His Appointed Season

Titus 1:1-3

In His due time — the crucial events in God's program occur at His designated time in history, such as Isa 49:6. This is an example of the prophetic word, or preaching which brings Isa 49:6 about — in its due season. But the prophet brings it into reality by the prophetic word which is proclaimed by the command of God (Rom 16:25-26). To believe and to obey is what makes manifest the words of the prophets, but only when the times are right.

The word in Isa 49:6 is manifested not in preaching itself, but by preaching it to hearers who receive it and run with it (Hab 2:2-3). Isa 49:6 is prophetic writings, but it requires a prophet of God to preach it, or proclaim it. That means making it manifest and bringing it into light, revealing it, and making it known through prophecy. But this can only be done by the command of the eternal God, so that by the manifestation of Israel and all of these prophetic writings the nations may believe and obey Him.

Tit 1:3 — At the proper time He brought His word into a tangible, corporeal Body on earth, in twelve tribes, twelve different geographical locations (Mal 1:11). In each geographical location the tribe will be manifested (His manifested word) in different clans (Tit 1:5; Jer 31:1).

The prophets are raised up at the right time in history to wait for the command of God, to speak it into existence as in the beginning: *Let there be light, and there was light* (John 1:1; Gen 1:3). By speaking, God brought these things into being (Ps 33:6,9; 148:5; Heb 11:3).

Isa 49:6 came about, came into existence by a prophetic word. It was lying dormant in the scriptures, in abeyance, but waiting for the right time, as Dan 2:44 has been waiting for the right time in history (Dan 7:24; Rev. 17:12). As Titus 1:3 says, in due time His word, which lies dormant in the crusty, old, dusty Bible on the shelf, in brittle yellow paper. Dan 2:44 waits for its appointed time promised before the beginning of time, in His pre-determined plan. At His appointed time He will bring forth His word in manifested reality through the preaching or speaking, making known through vocal chords, which is understood in a language, whence comes faith (Rom 10:17,14,15).

Concerning the building of the temple, or twelve tribes, His dwelling place, there is nothing that can happen without the apostles and prophets (Eph 2:19-22). They are the foundation of the manifestation of the prophetic word. It is all by the command of God. Nothing can happen without the command of God, for He is the Commander In Chief who gives commands to His prophets. 2 Tim 1:10-11 — Through the gospel, life and immortality are brought to light, that is, by the proclaiming of it by a herald, or an apostle, or a teacher. The gospel can only be proclaimed with effectiveness by the command of God, for the appointed time in history. Dan 2:44 is the appointed time for Isa 49:6. All other heralders or preachers were false, because they were not commanded by God to preach or prophecy as to the times and seasons (Acts 1:6-7), but it is for us to know, in these times 1900 years later. Rom 16:25-26 — *made known*, not by the prophetic word lying dormant in the crusty Bible, but at the command of the eternal God a prophet was commanded to speak into existence what was written long ago, so that through the manifestation of the gospel through a people, the nations would believe (John 17:21-23, Isa 52:15; 53:11) and startle the whole world.